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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' continued duty of disclosure, the documents on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a are brought to the Examiner's attention. Copies of the non-US-patent documents are enclosed. Per MPEP 609.04(a) III, also enclosed is a copy of the English translation (prepared by the agent prosecuting the Japanese application) of the Japanese Office action in which some of the non-English documents are cited. U.S. 6,265,095 (also listed) is an English family member of Japanese Patent Publication No. JP2000251909 and further explains the relevance.

Per 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

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